



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION

Child Care Development Fund

Quality Set-Aside And Earmarked Expenditures Twelfth Year Activities (7/1/04 - 6/30/05)

Purpose and Authorization for the Child Care Development Fund

The federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) helps low-income families, families receiving public assistance and those families transitioning from public assistance in obtaining child care. The program, created in 1990, is authorized under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193).

In Arizona, the Department of Economic Security (DES) is the lead agency designated to administer CCDF. As the lead agency, DES responsibilities include:

- ❖ Contracting with child care providers to care for children birth to twelve years old who qualify for subsidy.
- ❖ Ensuring that child care providers that serve CCDF eligible children meet minimum health and safety standards.
- ❖ Using specifically designated CCDF funds to improve the quality, availability and affordability of child care.

In order to meet federal requirements, the state legislature has appropriated funding to allow DES to support activities that are designed to improve the quality, availability and affordability of child care. As a result, 47 contracts with agencies and community based organizations have been awarded.

The following pages highlight activities that utilize CCDF quality set aside and earmark funding for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005. The estimated expenditures for each activity are also included.

For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Child Care Administration at site code 801A, P.O. Box 6123, Phoenix, AZ 85005 or call (602) 542-4248 or 1(877) 822-2322.

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Results of CCDF Quality Set Aside Activities For State Fiscal Year 2004

- 879 early care and education trainings were attended by 13,928 child care practitioners. To meet licensing requirements, to learn new methods or improve existing skills, child care practitioners continue to seek out quality training. General training is offered, as well as training specific to caring for children with special needs and caring for infants and toddlers.
- 1,030 hours of technical assistance was provided to 1,490 child care practitioners. The technical assistance is specialized to assist practitioners to integrate in the classroom concepts taught in previously attended trainings. The assistance is focused on assisting practitioners' work with children with physical, emotional or behavioral issues that could lead to difficulty in finding and maintaining child care placement. The technical assistance is typically delivered at the child care site and can provide for 1:1 assistance.
- 1,298 individuals obtained 6,355 college credits. College credit courses are available statewide for child care practitioners.
- 19,801 calls were made to the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) for assistance in searching for child care providers and 35,198 searches were completed via the internet. The internet option just became available on February 1, 2004. CCR&R is now able to offer two choices for families seeking child care providers, quick and easy internet referrals and comprehensive 1:1 live assistance.
- 2,206 practitioners and 442 trainers were listed on the S*CCEEDS database. S*CCEEDS, detailed on page 5, is the foundation for numerous professional development efforts discussed by the School Readiness Board. It could support tracking of professional development, scholarships, wage and compensation initiatives, and a quality rating system.
- A total of 2,291 children received on-site child care at homeless/domestic violence shelters. Monthly, an average of the 190 children in were in residence, 78 children were supported with DES subsidies. Supporting the operating expenses of licensed, on-site child care at homeless/domestic violence shelters provides the stability that is needed for this very fragile population. Having this provider option not only supports the new shelter residents, allowing them to attend necessary supportive services/training programs, it removes a barrier to newly employed individuals who reside in the shelter.
- 457 individuals were certified as family child care home providers. Maintaining and increasing the number of home providers throughout the state provides child care options to families. Family child care is often the only option in certain areas of the state and is also the primary option for non-traditional hour care (e.g. weekends, and night time).

CURRENT CONTRACTS

7/1/04– 6/30/05

I. Child Care for Children Residing in Residential Homeless Shelters

To ensure access for special populations, DES contracts with child care programs located at residential homeless and domestic violence shelter sites. Currently, there are 4 contracts with homeless/domestic violence shelters in Maricopa and Pima County, which have on-site licensed child care serving approximately 200 children. These contracts assist with operational costs of child care. It is estimated that \$450,000 will be expended during fiscal year 2005 for this service.

Central Arizona Shelter Services

Contact: Mark Holleran (602) 256-6945.

Licensed child care program for 38 children ages birth - 5 years in Phoenix.

PREHAB of AZ

Contact: Michael Hughes (480) 969-4024.

Licensed child care program, which serves 42 children birth - 12 years of age in Mesa.

Sojourner Center

Contact: Connie Phillips (602) 244-0997.

Licensed child care program, which cares for 40 children ages 1 - 12 years in Phoenix.

Tucson Center for Women and Children

Contact: Norma McKenzie (520) 795-8001.

Licensed child care program for 80 children age 2 - 12 years in Tucson.

II. Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)

The community based CCR&R contracts provide no cost, no fee services to families throughout Arizona who need assistance locating child care. Training is also available at no charge to assist child care providers in their professional growth and development. In addition, a collaborative consumer education media campaign – the “Happy Face Campaign”- is funded to promote CCR&R services, recruit child care providers, and educate the public about the importance of quality child care. The CCR&R statewide toll free phone number is 1-800-308-9000; the web site is <http://www.azchildcare.org/>. It is estimated that \$1.94 million will be expended during fiscal year 2005 for these services.

Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC)

Contact: Susan Wilkins (480) 829-0500

A Coalition of Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC) and the Arizona Child Care Association (ACCA) serves families in Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal and Yavapai Counties.

Child & Family Resources (C&FR)

Contact: Martha Rothman (520) 881-8940.

A Coalition of Child & Family Resources and AZ Child Care Association, Southern Chapter serves families in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pima, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties.

III. Program Development

The following contracts are designed to establish a new service, or improve, expand or integrate an existing service. Contracts have been awarded on a statewide basis to develop a statewide professional development system, facilitate quality improvement and/or national accreditation and to revise and translate into Spanish the child care professional training to meet current practices and standards. 1.96 million is contracted for these services during fiscal year 2005.

Statewide Professional Development System

Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC)

Contact: Susan Wilkins (480) 829-0500

Arizona Child Care and Early Education Career Development System: S☆CCEEDS

The Association for Supportive Child Care collaborated with Child and Family Resources, Inc. to establish the Arizona Early Care and Education Career Development System statewide. Research indicates that offering training and educational opportunities that promote professional growth and development is fundamental in encouraging practitioners to improve their skills and qualifications. S☆CCEEDS addresses program quality using a trainer registry and training registry system. Standards for S☆CCEEDS trainers were established by a broad based group of community stakeholders who participated in the Professional Development Committee of the Governor's Head Start Advisory Council. S☆CCEEDS registered trainers will play a vital role in preparing practitioners to best meet the needs of the children and families they serve.

The Arizona Early Care and Education Career Development System has created a training registry which includes:

- A voluntary registration system for child care and early education practitioners
- A course registry system
- A trainer registry system

Accreditation Facilitation Project

Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC)

Contact: Susan Wilkins (480) 829-0500

Arizona Self Study Project (ASSP)

The Association for Supportive Child Care will provide technical assistance to 150 center and home based child care providers statewide that demonstrate a commitment to improving the quality of child care provided to children and/or to pursue and achieve national accreditation. This project provides training, mentoring, resources, support and guidance. In addition, ASSP staff administers a mini-grant fund for participants enrolled in ASSP. These funds are available to those who have actively participated in ASSP and have demonstrated positive efforts towards the implementation of change. The one time assistance of the mini-grant funding may include, but is not limited to, equipment and supplies to improve the quality of care; equipment and supplies to achieve accreditation; staff professional development; accreditation fees; and minor remodeling within the Child Care and Development Fund limitations.

Child Care Professional Training Rewrite and Translation

Arizona State University (ASU)

Contact: Donna Lee Robinson (480) 965-4936

The Department of Languages and Literatures; College of Education, Division of Curriculum and Instruction; and College of Nursing revised the current Child Care Professional Training (CCPT) Curriculum. The revised curriculum reflects current best practices; state licensing standards; adult learning theory; Arizona's Core Knowledge Elements and Competencies; and Arizona's Early Learning Guidelines. The revised curriculum has been translated into Spanish. ASU will continue to hold a contract for any needed updates or revisions and necessary translation.

IV. Training

Community based training opportunities are offered statewide to all types of child care providers. Services ranges from on-site technical assistance to college credit courses in early childhood education. Contracts include: the Child Development Associate (CDA) project; a statewide infant/toddler training institute; a two week introductory training to individuals interested in entering the child care profession; technical assistance and training to programs serving children with special needs; and a variety of other related training delivered by community based contractors. \$2.66 million is contracted for these services during fiscal year 2005.

Note: For the following trainings, the symbol ☆ indicates that the trainers and training offered by the agency is registered with S☆CCEEDS. The symbol § indicates that the agency offers some training/workshops in Spanish.

Child Care Professional Training is designed to provide comprehensive employment preparation training to individuals interested in the field of child care. The training will prepare individuals to enter the field of Early Care and Education and become employed as quickly as possible.

- **Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC)** - for Maricopa, Gila and Pinal Counties
Contact: Susan Wilkins (480) 829-0500
- **Pima Community College (PCC)** in Pima County
Contact: Brian Stewart (520) 206-5142
- **Yavapai College (YC)**
Contact: Linda Wolfe (928) 634-3405 for Apache, Coconino, Graham, Greenlee, Mohave, Navajo, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma Counties

Blake Foundation Children and Family Services



Contact: Annabel Ratley (520) 325-1517 ext. 112

Project “Me Too!” offers training on a statewide basis to early education practitioners. Project “Me Too!” training focuses on inclusion of children with disabilities in three distinct child care settings: home based; center based; and before and after school based. Technical assistance is available to child care programs that require assistance implementing the strategies and techniques presented in the workshop. An Administrator’s Seminars will also be held in Pima County. The seminar allows directors/administrators an opportunity to network; develop a support system; and discuss issues relevant to inclusion.

Central Arizona College

Contact: Maureen Hazlett (520) 876-1901 or (602) 258-8685 X1905

The **Professional Career Pathway Project** offers family child care and center-based Child Care Providers the opportunity to receive assistance with the cost of the tuition/fees and books for college coursework that will prepare them to apply for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential or the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation. Central Arizona collaborates with community colleges statewide to offer this financial assistance and academic advising to all students in the field.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Provider Training



Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC) and Child and Family Resources (C&FR)

Contact: Susan Wilkins (480) 829-0500 and/or Martha Rothman (520) 881-8940

CCR&R Provider Training offers a broad cross section of training topics and instruction appropriate for all types of child care providers who work with children birth to twelve years old. Child care providers listed with CCR&R are mailed training, workshop and registration information on a quarterly basis. Many interactive workshops are presented that assist providers with specific activities geared toward early childhood education. Training is available in all Counties.

Child & Family Resources, Inc. (C&FR)**Contact: Martha Rothman (520) 881-8940**

In collaboration with Association for Supportive Child Care, C&FR provides the **Arizona Infant/Toddler Learning Institute** training using *The Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (WestEd)*. This is a nationally recognized comprehensive training curriculum offered to center and family based child care providers throughout Arizona. The training consists of a combination of workshops and individual on-site technical assistance. Certificates and incentives are awarded upon completion of the program. Certain expenses necessary for participation in the training are reimbursable.

Child & Family Resources, Inc. (C&FR)**Contact: Martha Rothman (520) 881-8940**

The **Provider Education Program** (PEP) offers registered workshops to home and center based providers. PEP offers specific training tracks that focus on infant/toddler, preschool, and school age children. Technical assistance is available to assist early education practitioners with the implementation of strategies and techniques related training. Training covers generalized areas of child care and early education. The service delivery areas are Pima, Yuma, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties.

Family Service Agency**Contact: Sorrel Bowman-Rogers (602) 264-9891.**

Family Service Agency (FSA) provides training on a variety of child care and early education topics for center and home based child care providers. FSA provides training in the following service delivery areas: Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal and Yavapai Counties.

Southern Arizona Child Care Association (SACCA)**Contact: Barbara Nelson (520) 327-0844**

The Southern Arizona Child Care Association collaborates with "Consultants Unlimited" to provide training opportunities to early education practitioners. A wide variety of trainings are held in the following service delivery areas: Apache, Coconino, Gila, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, and Yavapai Counties.

Southwest Human Development (SWHD)**Contact: Ginger Ward (602) 266-5976**

Throughout Maricopa county, Southwest Human Development (SWHD) is offering a **Child Care Training Program: Discovering the Magic of Child Care**. The program offers training in four specific areas: current issues related to quality child care, literacy and development, inclusion and family child care. Technical assistance is available to child care providers that attend training and request onsite technical assistance to implement concepts learned in a specific training. SWHD service delivery area is Maricopa County.

University of Arizona Cooperative Extension**Contact: Darcy Dixon (520) 836-5221**

In collaboration with New Directions, Inc, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension will offer Mind Matters Training, which is based on current research and focus on children birth to age five (5). Child care professionals who attend the Mind Matters Institute will participate in twenty-one (21) hours of training. Topic areas include: How a Child's Brain Develops; ABC's of Brain Development; Security; Touch; Eyes; Play; and Sound. University of Arizona Cooperative Extension service delivery areas include: Cochise, Gila, Graham, Maricopa, Mohave, and Pinal Counties.

CN Resource**Contact: Richard Crandall (480) 835-7072**

CN Resource utilizes *The Creative Curriculum* (Teaching Strategies, Inc), a nationally recognized training curriculum, as a foundation for its early childhood educational training for infant/toddler caregivers. The training promotes professional development at all levels through provider's utilization of written journals of all pertinent training, activities, skills, objectives and goals related to child care education. This self-assessment technique aids caregivers in planning and tracking their own professional education. Incentives for providers to attend, participate and incorporate the training into their daily activities are included. Training is available in all counties.

V. Other Quality Set Aside Expenditures

The following contracts and interagency service agreements are designed to improve parental choice, quality, availability, and/or affordability of child care statewide for young children and their families. It is estimated that \$1.65 million will be expended during fiscal year 2005 for the following programs: Enhanced Rate for Accredited Programs, School Age Project and the School Readiness Board.

Enhanced Rate for Accredited Programs

Effective August 1999 the Enhanced rate program for accredited programs became operational. This allowed children to enroll in programs providing higher quality of care by paying accredited providers up to 10% over the DES maximum rates. Currently 3.4% (107) of center and home providers who contract with DES are accredited and eligible for the enhanced rates. In FY02 the Legislature shifted enhanced reimbursement for accreditation from TANF to CCDF quality funds. Approximately 2,400 children per month benefit from the enhanced rate program.

Center Based Child Care and Group Family Child Care Homes needing more information on enhanced rates should contact: Michael Flores, DES Child Care Administration Contracts Supervisor at (602) 542-2562 or toll free 1 (877) 822-2322.

Certified Family Child Care Homes needing more information on enhanced rates should contact their local Certification office

If you need to locate the phone number for your local CCA office contact CCA Central Office at (602) 542-4248 or toll free 1(877) 822-2322.

School Age Project

Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families

Contact: Irene Jacobs, Executive Director (602) 542-3620

An Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) with the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families provides funding to improve the availability and quality of out-of-school time and school aged child care programs.

School Readiness Board

Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (School Readiness Board)

Contact: Irene Jacobs, Executive Director (602) 542-3620

An Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) with the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families provides funding to support the Arizona State School Readiness Board. The Board will: Advise and make recommendations to the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Legislature on the most effective policy direction and methods to improve the coordination, quality and delivery of early care and education services - including preschool child care and family support services; Recommend through a multi-year plan, how current functions in state government relate to early care and education can most effectively be coordinated and integrated to improve service delivery and quality of care, avoid duplication and fragmentation and enhance public and private investment; Identify and recommend methods for measuring quality, availability and effectiveness of early care and education programs; Identify and measure indicators of school readiness, and Track federal, state and local monies that are allocated for early care and education and recommend mechanisms for enhancement, integration and coordination.

Department of Health Service: Office of Child Care Licensure

Contact: Lourdes Ochoa (602) 364-2536

An Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) with DHS, Office of Child Care Licensure provides funding for activities associated with the licensing of child care centers and group homes. This ISA is funded with CCDF Quality Set-Aside funds, but is not included in the CCDF amount appropriated to DES. The legislature appropriates CCDF funding specifically to DHS for this purpose. The FY 2005 appropriation is \$721,100.

VI. Child Care for Children with Special Needs

The following contracts provide enhanced services to children with special needs through 309 full time child care openings. These contracts are funded with client service dollars and do not count toward the total amount of CCDF Quality Set-Aside appropriated to DES. Expenditures are approximately \$630,000 for one year of service.

A Child's Freedom, LLC

Contact: Sharon Phillips (480) 899-8201

29 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs six weeks to five years old in Chandler, Mesa and Tempe.

Acorn Christian Montessori School

Contact: Cynthia Puplava (520) 775-8654

35 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age six months to twelve years old in Prescott Valley, Prescott, Chino Valley, Dewey, Humbolt and Cordes Lakes.

A.S.K.A.N.

Contact: Cindy McClung (928) 779-9449

12 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one year to twelve years old in Flagstaff and Coconino County.

Blake Foundation Children and Family Services

Contact: Annabel Ratley (520) 325-6495 ext. 112

26 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one to five years old in Tucson.

Crisis Nursery

Contact: Marsha Porter (602) 273-7363

15 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age six weeks to five years old in Phoenix.

Desert Survivors

Contact: Karen Wilson (520) 623-4377 ext. 3

10 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age six weeks to five years old in Tucson.

Ehmke's Childhaven

Contact: Anita Ehmke (928) 537-2365

20 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age two to twelve years old in Show Low.

Grace Chapel Early Care and Education Center

Contact: Jacqueline Ford (520) 886-4046

52 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one to five years old in Tucson and Pima County.

La Frontera

Contact: Linda Lopez (520) 884-9920

22 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one to twelve years old in Tucson.

Sunrise Preschools

Contact: Dana Vela (480) 706-2500

15 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one to twelve years old in Tempe, Peoria, Mesa, North West Phoenix, Central Phoenix, and Chandler.

Tucson Urban League**Contact: Laurie Ocampo (520) 622-3651 ext. 502**

10 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one to five years old in Greater Tucson and Pima County.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Central Arizona**Contact: K Vilay (602) 943-5472**

30 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one to five years old in Maricopa County.

Upward Foundation**Contact: Sharon Graham (602) 279-5801**

8 child care spaces for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs age one and one half years to five years old in Maricopa County.

VII. Home Recruitment

Contracts are in place in all 15 Arizona counties to assist interested individuals in becoming DES certified family child care providers and to increase provider options for DES eligible families. These contracts provide recruitment, evaluation, training, technical assistance and one time assistance with costs associated in meeting certification requirements (e.g. fingerprinting, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, immunizations, etc.). \$2.56 million is contracted during fiscal year 2005 for this service.

Association for Supportive Child Care (ASSC)**Contact: Susan Wilkins (480) 829-0500**

- Mohave and La Paz Counties: 40 providers will complete the DES certification process.
- Apache, Coconino and Navajo Counties: 45 providers will complete the DES certification process.
- Maricopa County: 110 providers will complete the DES certification process.

Buena Vista Children's Services**Contact: Leslie Owens (928) 639-0366**

- Yavapai County: 18 providers will complete the DES certification process.

Child & Family Resources (C&FR)**Contact: Martha Rothman (520) 881-8940**

- Cochise County: 50 providers will complete the DES certification process.
- Graham and Greenlee Counties: 25 providers will complete the DES certification process.
- Yuma County: 50 providers will complete the DES certification process.

U of A Cooperative Extension**Contact Darcy Dixon (520) 836-5221**

- Gila and Pinal Counties: 55 providers will complete the DES certification process.

Child & Family Resources (C&FR)**Contact: Martha Rothman (520) 881-8940**

In addition to the other requirements listed above, CF&R provides monitoring and case management to DES certified family child care providers.

- Pima County: 100 providers will complete the DES certification process.
- Santa Cruz County: 65 providers will complete the DES certification process.

VIII. Coordination

The following contracts support collaborative relationships and the further development of community services to improve available child care services. Contracts in this category include: coordination of building partnerships between child care programs and head start centers; technical assistance with building the quality & supply of tribal child care; and consultant services to facilitate Arizona Head Start Advisory Council Committees. It is estimated that \$100,000 will be expended during fiscal year 2005 for these services.

B.J. Tatro, Consulting

Contact: B. J. Tatro (602) 596-3560.

Coordinates and facilitates meetings of the School Readiness Board Professional Development Workgroup for the development of a statewide plan for a child care and education career development system for early childhood caregivers and educators. This contract also provides for coordination and facilitation of the School Readiness Board Quality and Cost workgroup, which is working on Child Care/Head Start Quality & cost issues.

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona

Contact: John Lewis (602) 248-0071

Identifies and examines quality child care options in various communities located on Tribal lands. Strategies will be developed to meet the unique needs of Native American families and children.